

# --- HERO Happenings ---

March 2022

## HERO TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

**For your information:** HERO trips and activities are designed to be family events. The HERO board of directors has decided that effective immediately, no alcohol will be allowed on bus transportation provided by HERO.

### COMING SOON: Mystery Dinner Theater: May 2022



Like totally tubular dude! Neon, big hair, and leg warmers. Join HERO for an 80's themed "Who Done It" dinner theater with some escape room style, produced by

Atomic Escape Rooms in early May. More details to come.

### Spokane River White Water Rafting: June 11, 2022

Join HERO on a guided rafting trip on Class III rapids thru Riverside State Park's Bowl and Pitcher and Devil's Toenail (on the Spokane River) Saturday, June 11, 2022, beginning at 2 pm. The cost will be \$45 per person, which includes the 3-hour trip, life jackets, and wetsuits, if needed. Bring your own snacks and arrange your own transportation to the rafting startup point. Send payment (payable to HERO) to [Kelly Profitt](#) at MSIN R3-19. You can reach Kelly at 376-2343 or [kelly\\_s\\_profitt@rl.gov](mailto:kelly_s_profitt@rl.gov) for more information.



### SAVE THE DATES! Dust Devils Baseball game w/BBQ



#### on Dusty's Deck: June 11 and July 3, 2022

Dusty's Deck is open again at Gesa Stadium and HERO will be offering two opportunities for you to join in an all-you-can-eat BBQ an hour before each [baseball game](#)! Upper Box seats for the games are included in the price of \$17/adult and \$11/kids (ages 4-13). Keep an eye out for details!

### SAVE THE DATE! Frichette Winery Experience: June 18, 2022

Join HERO at 10 a.m. on June 18 for an intimate guided tour of Frichette Winery. We will meet up at the winery where Shae Frichette will walk us through the vineyards and wine cellar while tasting wine. We will then have a seated side-by-side flight wine tasting with a mini cheese plate, followed by a casual lunch with, you guessed it, another glass of wine! The cost is \$50/person (21+ only), can be sent to our POC [Leslie Cone](#) at MSIN A3-01 (a limited number of seats is available). For more details, Leslie can be reached at 509.376.1947 or at [leslie\\_j\\_cone@rl.gov](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov).



### SAVE THE DATE! Seattle Mariners vs. Houston Astros: July 23, 2022



Mark your calendars for July 23, 2022, when HERO will be chartering the bus to travel to T-Mobile field to watch your favorite baseball team! Watch for details coming soon!

### SAVE THE DATE! Tri-Cities Water Follies Hydroplane Races: July 30-31, 2022

HERO will once again have their very own, front row seat at the hydroplane races on Water Follies weekend, July 30-31, 2022. Enjoy a catered lunch both days and watch the boats with all of your HERO friends! Watch for details coming soon!



### SAVE THE DATE! Ichiro Induction to Mariners' Hall of Fame Weekend: August 27-28, 2022



Join us as we travel to Seattle for a 2-game weekend, with overnight on Saturday, dedicated to Ichiro's induction to the Seattle Mariners' Hall of Fame! Watch for details in future newsletters!

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## Alaska Adventure Cruise: August 5-13, 2022

HERO is once again taking to the seas, this time to Alaska in August of 2022, on Royal Caribbean's Ovation of the Seas! Cabins start at \$805 +\$234 tax/port fees per person (double occupancy) for a virtual interior cabin with **refundable** rates (note: you may find cheaper rates online, but they may not be refundable). Our trip includes a HERO complimentary cocktail party AND a \$25 per cabin credit. Refundable deposits of \$250/person are DUE at time of booking, with final payment due at the end of March 2022. FYI, the cruise line is requiring cruisers to be vaccinated (and show proof). To book your cabin(s), contact [Jim Carey](mailto:jcarey@cruiseholidays.com) at 509.628.9555 or [jcarey@cruiseholidays.com](mailto:jcarey@cruiseholidays.com). Our HERO POC is [Dianne Whitten](mailto:dianne_r_whitten@rl.gov) at 509.943.4076 or [dianne\\_r\\_whitten@rl.gov](mailto:dianne_r_whitten@rl.gov).



## HERO DISCOUNTED TICKETS

**Note:** Please keep in mind that our HERO ticket sellers are volunteers, but their "real" jobs are their priority. Some may have specific hours they are available for sales, so it is important you contact them (email or phone call) prior to purchasing tickets.

Also, if paying in cash, please have the exact amount, as ticket sellers cannot make change. Thank you!

## Tri-City Rush Professional Indoor Football 2022

"Feel the Rush" as the Tri-City Rush indoor football team gears up for their 2022 season that begins March 26, 2022! Using the code **HEROPROGRAM** for 20% off, season tickets are now available on their website [www.tricityrush.com/tickets](http://www.tricityrush.com/tickets). This discount will also apply to single game tickets once those tickets are released. The Tri-City Rush play their home games at the HAPO Center and are the defending AWFC champions! Our HERO POC is [Leslie Cone](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov) at 509.376.1947 or [leslie\\_j\\_cone@rl.gov](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov).



## Ski Bluewood Lift Tickets 2021-22 Season

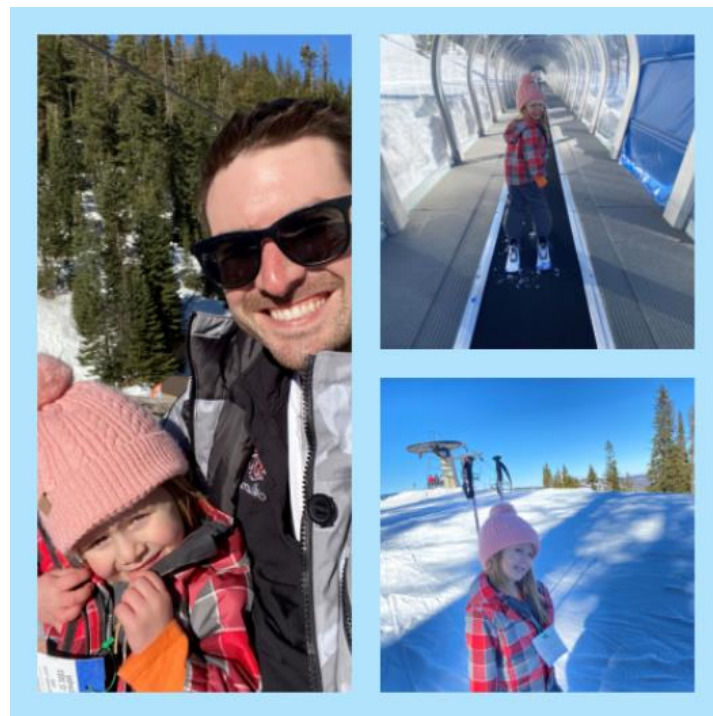


Ski season is in full swing, and HERO is happy to offer full day lift tickets at Ski Bluewood for \$40 a person! Check this website for mountain information:

<http://www.bluewood.com>. The snow report line is (509) 240-8991. To take advantage of this discount, contact one of the ticket sellers listed: [Lisa Escalera](mailto:lisa@bluewood.com) (509.373.3711) or [Karen Joost](mailto:karen@bluewood.com) (509.373.1039). Please make checks payable to "HERO." Our HERO POC is [Logan Beebe](mailto:logan_t_beebe@rl.gov) at 509.372.2071 or [logan\\_t\\_beebe@rl.gov](mailto:logan_t_beebe@rl.gov).

## Fun at Bluewood!

Submitted by Andrew Shupe (HMIS), it looks like he and daughter, Mia, had a beautiful day and lots of fun at Bluewood!



## Calling all Skiers/Boarders for Snow Photos!

If you purchased ski lift tickets this year, we'd love to see your photos of fun in the snow! Send your family fun photos to our mailbox at



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[hero\\_hanford\\_emp\\_rec\\_org@rl.gov](mailto:hero_hanford_emp_rec_org@rl.gov) and we'll feature them in a future newsletter and/or on our website!

## Movie Tickets



Need something to do on those cold snowy days? All the movie theaters (Fairchild, AMC, and Hallett-Sunnyside) are open and ready for your business, so purchase your discount tickets (limit is 25) from the following ticket sellers:



All theaters have an additional surcharge for 3D and special engagements.

**HERO TICKET PRICES:**

Theater	Price
AMC Theatres	\$ 8.50
Fairchild Cinemas	\$12.00
Hallett Cinemas	\$ 9.00

**HERO Ticket Sellers**

	Area	Address	MSIN	Phone
1. Karen Joost	RCHN	2355 Stevens / 137A / RCHN	G1-40	373-1039
2. Denise Pitts	200E	MO-400 / 6 / 200E	S4-85	373-2103
3. Rachel Stewart	200E	274AW / 8B / 200E	S5-08	373-2025

Fairchild movie tickets purchased through H.E.R.O. have increased in price to \$12. This is due to two premium seating theaters presiding in the Tri-Cities. Tickets can be used at any Fairchild theater.

Prices for all three theaters are as follows (if you were to purchase tickets there):

	Fairchild Southgate 10 And Queensgate 12	Fairchild Pasco
Adult	\$13.50	\$10.00
Children (2-11)	\$12.50	\$ 7.00
Senior (60+)	\$12.50	\$ 7.50
Matinee (before 6 pm)	\$11.50	\$ 7.50

For those who have Fairchild vouchers with an expiration date of Dec. 31, 2021, due to COVID closures, Fairchild has extended the expiration dates by one year. They will be good until Dec. 31, 2022.

**NOTE: Only individual HERO members purchasing for personal use will receive an additional \$1 discount off each ticket. Ticket sales for company use will NOT receive this discount.**

## Tri-City Americans Hockey!



Join in the fun as the Tri-City Americans take the ice for a full schedule this season! Purchase your HERO discounted tickets online by scanning the QR code (above) and selecting the games



you want to attend! The price is \$20/person and our POC is [Leslie Cone](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov) at [leslie\\_j\\_cone@rl.gov](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov).

## HERO DISCOUNT CLUB

The Hanford Discount Club (HDC) serves all employees and retirees of the Hanford Site. If your name is in PopFon, you are eligible for a HDC card, which enables you to enjoy all the discounts offered to our members. Do you know of a local business who might want to provide a unique discount for Hanford workers? If so, contact our HDC Coordinator [Leslie Cone](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov) at [leslie\\_j\\_cone@rl.gov](mailto:leslie_j_cone@rl.gov). She'll contact them and set something up!

### New Discounts (links may not work on the HLAN):

**Atomic Escape Rooms**  
**1635 Fowler Street**  
**Richland, WA 99352**  
**509.735.4045**

Can you figure out the clues in time? Atomic Escape Rooms is pleased to offer HDC members \$20 off a group of four or more when you book one of our escape rooms. Go to <http://atomicescaperooms.com> and enter code **HDCFOR22** at checkout.

**Pedego Tri-Cities**  
**1084 George Washington Way**  
**Richland, WA 99352**  
**509.420.4824**  
[www.pedegotricities.com](http://www.pedegotricities.com)

- HDC members receive 10% off electric bike rentals (2hr, 3hr and 6hr rentals available).
- When an HDC member buys an e-bike from Pedego Tri-Cities, they will receive 20% off accessories purchased within 7 days of buying their e-bike.
- When an HDC member buys an e-bike from Pedego Tri-Cities, their bike will be delivered free of charge (within 20 miles of the location in Richland).

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### Newsletter Distribution: Want to sign up?



Don't miss out on anything – have our newsletter delivered directly to your inbox, work or home, each month. At work, you can sign up on this website: [newsletter sign-ups](#) and at home, you can send an email to:

HERO\_Hanford\_Emp\_Rec\_Org@rl.gov and make the request! Be the first to know what's happening!

### HERO is on Facebook!



For those of you who are “new” to HERO, we have a Facebook group page for HERO members! To find it, search Facebook for HERO (Hanford Employee Recreation

Organization) and request to join. Restrictions are listed on the page. The page is mostly for advertising our trip and activities – so watch for upcoming flyers! Our POC is [Linda Meigs](#) at 509.376.5785.

These activities and discounts are available for all MSA, HMIS, CHPRC, CPCCo, WRPS, HPMCO, Wastren and HLMI employees and their families, and retirees.

## HERO BOARD NEWS

President	Diane Call
VP Administrative	Corina Sarmiento
VP Travel	Christopher Cree
VP Sports	Caryn McLellan
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	Michael Bush
	Tracey Peloquin
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HDC Coordinator	Leslie Cone
Webmaster/Publicity	Linda Meigs
Movie Ticket Coord.	Kristine Studniski
Seasonal Ticket Coord.	Logan Beebe
Sports Ticket Coord.	VACANT
100 Area Rep	VACANT

Co-200E Area Rep	VACANT
Co-200E Area Rep	VACANT
200W Area Rep	Angie George
300/400/600 Area Rep	Kristina Hanson
RCHN/1100/700 Area Rep	Karen Joost
Management Liaison	Rosie Capron

### HERO is Looking for New Board Members

Applications for the following positions are open:

- Sports Ticket Coordinator
- 100 Area Representative
- Co-200E Area Representative x 2
- Webmaster/Publicity Chair – this position will be up for re-election this month (March 2022) and the incumbent will not be on the ballot. The ideal candidate would be someone who is 1) familiar with the Rapid Web platform, 2) proficient at writing up/editing newsletter articles, including excellent proof-reading skills and 3) familiar with IDMS. While these requirements are not necessary, familiarity with these things will make for a smooth transition. The incumbent will be around for a while for training purposes. 😊

The HERO board plans and carries out activities for members. Besides specific responsibilities of each position, board members are also expected to attend a monthly meeting and chair at least one HERO activity each year. Please contact [Diane Call](#) at 509.372.8371 if you are interested in joining us.

[Internal HERO website](#) (from work)

<http://msc.ms.rl.gov/rapidweb/HERO/index.cfm?PageNum=1>

[External HERO website](#) (from home)

<http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/HERO>

#### NOTICE:

Regarding upcoming HERO events that include bus transportation, while on the bus, HERO will follow our contractors' policy or state proclamations regarding face coverings and social distancing (to the extent possible) in effect at the time of the trip. For the safety and comfort of all participants, there will be no exceptions.

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